

His eyes are fairly open to the state
of the case.

As to what he writes, Mr. Watson
says he will not bear his name
as joint author - it is to be
Mr. James & Lesquerens',
monument. - And he will
have not a cent of poor
Lesquerens' money.

What a pity you were abroad,
- too, we wish you & your daughters
were home. You might - after a ^{little} ^{have} done
a good part of the editing &
proof-reading, and helped the
thing along immensely.

As to your seeing a bookseller
or publisher in London - I think
you should first write to Cassin & ask
it - the publication and sale being
entirely in his hands. It might
be very glad if you could open the
way to an English sale. -
With very warm best wishes to
you & yours - I remain
A. Gray

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My dear Mr. James,

In this world we are allowed
space for repentance and amend-
ment of life "while the lamp holds
out to burn"; and Mrs. Gray
and I propose to avail ourselves
of it - as respects our sins of mis-
sion against you, in those last
hours of the year 1883.

We are both surprised at finding
that no acknowledgment has been
sent for the really beautiful
photograph - which came safely
(except as to the glass, which has been
replaced), and which is much admired.

The blame must be divided be-
tween Mrs. Gray & me. But, we
are getting old, and we are keeping
our heads too full for old people

Well, Mr. Gray will pick up
as well as she can. She is not
as strong as she was. - and now
strong women, members of large
families and residing in many
& widely scattered places, actually
survive the toils and perils of
the year and New Year season,
is more than I can tell. -
I think that, in the long
run, the women will die out,
a few miserable men will
linger a while - and then an
~~end~~ end, -

But you will say - cut
short your moralizing - or
demoralizing, and tell me
about the Moss-book

Well, Mr. Watson tells
me it is now going on rather
smoothly & rather fast. -

Thanks to him. We have
felt that Mr. Jones & Lesquere's
long labors must not be lost -
must not come before the scientific
world as they would if left
to poor Lesquere, - who we
found was printing his book before
it was written - - and in fact
who did not know how to prepare
his book for the press. - who was,
~~perhaps~~ - as to the literature of our
times leaving out, dropping
stitches here and there, Mr.
Watson directed the work &
we better guided the time. But
when he takes up a thing, he
must do it well. I suppose
full half this time - or near
it - for these months has been
given to this Moss-book - and
as Lesquere has - it is quite
to be some thing a deal different
from what it would have been
otherwise.

I think I had best send
you Lesquere's letter to me,
I lately received - written now that